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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Jeffery J. Wheeler *et al.*

Application No.: 09/431,594

Filed: November 1, 1999

For: LIPID-NUCLEIC ACID  
PARTICLES PREPARED VIA A  
HYDROPHOBIC LIPID-NUCLEIC  
ACID COMPLEX INTERMEDIATE  
AND USE FOR GENE TRANSFER

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8936

Examiner: Janet L. Epps Ford

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.